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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Berish Rubin, et al.

**Examiner:** Carla J. Myers

**Serial No:** 10/050,189

**Art Unit:** 1634

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**Docket:** 18090

**For:** DETECTION OF MUTATIONS IN  
A GENE ENCODING IKAPPAB  
KINASE-COMPLEX-ASSOCIATED  
PROTEIN TO DIAGNOSE  
FAMILIAL DYSAUTONOMIA

**Date:** January 23, 2006

**Confirmation No.:** 6280

Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATUS LETTER**

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on January 16, 2002. An Official Communication dated July 21, 2005 states that prosecution of the present application is suspended for a period of six months. As the six-month period expired on January 21, 2006 (Saturday), Applicants inquire as to the current status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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